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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON PARIS MEETING ON ZAIRE

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1. I RECITED TALKING POINTS REF A TO ACTING FONMIN  
RENZAHO JUNE 14, STRESSING US INTEREST IN FINDING MEANS  
OF ACHIEVING NEGOTIATED SOLUTION BETWEEN ZAIRE AND  
ANGOLA.

2. RESTATING ARGUMENTS PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED (REFTEL B),  
RENZAHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT USG SHARED RWANDAN  
MISGIVINGS AND IMPLICATIONS OF PAN-AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE  
OR OTHER PERMANENT MILITARY FORMATION. HOWEVER, HE WAS  
MUCH LESS SANGUINE ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF FINDING AN  
EFFECTIVE MEDIATOR FOR ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA.

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3. RENZAHO THEN SKETCHED OUT GOR POLICY AS FOLLOWS:

A. WESTERN-BACKED MULTINATIONAL MILITARY FORCE IS  
A NON-STARTER, SINCE IT WILL OBLIGE "OTHER SIDE" TO COUNTER  
WITH A SIMILAR MILITARY ALIGNMENT AND DIVIDE AFRICA INTO  
TWO COLD WAR CAMPS.

B. ECONOMIC AID FOR ZAIRE THROUGH "MOBUTU PLAN" IS ESSENTIAL STEP TO STRENGTHEN THAT GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL UNREST, AND RWANDA URGES FULLEST WESTERN SUPPORT.

C. IDEAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF ZAIRE'S BORDERS WOULD BE DIPLOMATIC UNDERSTANDING, THROUGH MEDIATION OR OTHERWISE, WITH EACH OF ITS NEIGHBORS (RENZAHU STRESSED THAT ANGOLA WAS NOT ITS ONLY PROBLEM). HOWEVER, GOR CONSIDERS IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY MEANINGFUL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON THIS FRONT IN NEAR FUTURE. IT PARTICULARLY DOUBTS CONGO BRAZZAVILLE SFEFULNESS AS INTERMADIARY,7IN VIEW OF "DOUBLE GAMEZ WHICH (HE ALLEGED) BRAZZAVILLE PLAYED LAST TIME AROUND.

D. GOR BELIEVES EACH AFRICAN NATION SHOULD BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING ITS OWN SECURITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IF UNABLE TO DO SO BY ITS OWN MEANS, IT SHOULD BE FREE TO CALL UPON FRIENDS FOR ASSISTANCE OF WHATEVER SORT NECESSARY.

E. WITH RESPECT TO ZAIRE'S SECURITY, RWANDA BELIEVES U.S. -- TOGETHER WITH BELGIUM AND FRANCE -- HAS "MORAL OBLIGATION" TO HELP OUT. IN GOR VIEW, THIS DOES NOT MEAN SENDING 82ND AIRBORNE OR ANY OTHER COMMITMENT OF TROOPS, BUT RATHER SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL ARMS, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING TO ENABLE ZAIRE TO DEFEND ITSELF.  
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4. RENZAHU COMMENTED HE UNDERSTOOD WASHINGTON'S UNWILLINGNESS TO INVOLVE ITSELF IC NEW VIETNAMSM. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THERE WAS BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMMITMENT OF TROOPS TO DO FIGHTING AND SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT TO ENABLE COUNTRY TO LOOK AFTER ITS OWN SECURITY. IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE, HE NOTED, THAT RWANDA ITSELF WAS SEEKING LATTER TYPE OF SUPPORT FROM U.S. AND OTHERS TO STRENGTHEN ITS OWN SECURITY POSTURE.  
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